

KINGSTON SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2005
7:00 P.M. A. BECK MEETING HALL

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Crouch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Ray Crouch, Mayor	Present
Gary Corlew, Vice Mayor	Present
Richard Swafford, Commissioner	Present
Chuck Sleigther, Commissioner	Present
James Allen Wells, Commissioner	Present
Laurie Cooper, City Manager	Present
Larry Craig, City Attorney	Present
Debbie Finch, Assistant City Manager/Recorder	Present
David Howe, City Engineer	Present

2. Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Wells made a motion to approve the minutes for October 20, 2005. Commissioner Sleighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Announcements from Commissioners:

- Commissioner Swafford stated that parking places were 9 ft. except for Kingston Springs. Mayor Crouch explained to Mr. Swafford and the board that the planning commission had made the decision to reduce the number of parking spaces required and leave them at 10'x20'. Commissioner Swafford wanted to know what was going to be done about the city being illegal. Mayor Crouch stated that the parking spaces in the parks were an oversight and the next time they are stripped it would be corrected.
- Commissioner Sleighter stated that he had met with Mr. Scanlon regarding his ditch and he felt he had some legitimate concerns. Commissioner Sleighter took the concerns to the City Manager and the City Engineer.
- Commissioner Corlew stated there was a rumor circulating around town regarding a petition to change the town's form of government from a City Manager-Commission to a Mayor-Aldermanic. Commissioner Corlew stated that he had no part in this petition and was not in favor of the petition. He stated that the town has come along way and this was just another behind the back efforts to stop the progress of the town. Commissioner Corlew stated that this was the work of a select few that could all fit in a mini-van.

4. Community Input:

- Dale Graham stated that the Community Theater would be presenting “Bare Foot in the Park” on December 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 8th at 7:30 and December 4th and 11th at 2:30. She encouraged everyone to attend.
- Mrs. Graham also stated that she was very proud and commended the planning commission for their decision to keep the 10 ft. parking spaces. She was in a 9 ft. parking space and had to back her vehicle out of the space to get her grandchild out of the car. Mrs. Graham stated to Mr. Swafford that the 9 ft. spaces were a problem.
- Mrs. Cooper stated to the board that Boy Scout Troop #594 was in the audience. They are working on their Citizenship Badge.

5. Department Reports:

Commissioner Sleighter made a motion to approve the department reports as presented to the commission. Commissioner Wells seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Updates:

- Mt. Pleasant Road – Mr. Howe stated to the board that the grading and drainage project was complete and was under budget by \$6,000.00. A pre-construction meeting was held and depending on the weather construction should start in a couple of weeks. Commissioner Wells stated that the culverts are 21 inches instead of 18 inches. Mr. Howe stated that he was unaware of that. Mr. Howe then double-checked and determined that the town was only charged for 18 inch culverts, as bided.
- Downtown Roads – Mr. Howe presented plans and asked for input from the commission.
- Skate Park – Mrs. Cooper informed the board that the town had received a \$10,000.00 dollar donation from Bud Colebrooke. Mr. Colebrooke would like the town to name the skate park after Audrey Beck if there were no objections. This donation along with the city’s match and the grant from the county will allow the bid process to start and hopefully break ground in March of 2006. There is a bottle being passed around to collect loose change for the park also.
- Retreat 2006 – Mrs. Cooper stated if there were no objections from the board she would schedule the retreat for the first weekend in April due to the election date. Mr. Swafford requested that the retreat be held in Kingston Springs. Mayor Crouch suggested that Mrs. Cooper tentatively set dates with Montgomery Bell Park and the board would discuss the location later.
- Cheatham County Fire Fighters association – Mrs. Cooper stated that nothing had been decide regarding the town’s part of the donation made by the county, but that some ground had been broken.
- Upcoming Events – Mrs. Cooper presented the board with a list of all the upcoming events.
- Sewer Expansion – Mrs. Cooper informed the board that she and Mr. Gupton were doing some advance planning by looking at the capacity of the sewer for future growth, such as an apartment complex.
- Tree Huggers Club – Mrs. Cooper presented the board with a map showing the placement of the trees. She stated that the public has purchased most all of the trees in the park.
- Commissioner Corlew asked Mrs. Cooper to remember to look into some type of shelter for the mothers that had children playing on the playground. They need shelter to get out of the sun.

- Mayor Crouch stated that he has had a tree donated for the Christmas Tree lighting at the Library. Mayor Crouch will get with them to get the tree planted.
- T-21 Grant – Mrs. Cooper stated to the board that she had a letter from the state eliminating the town from the T-21 grant. Mayor Crouch asked that the grant be put on the agenda for the retreat.

7. Old Business:

A. Second Reading of Ordinance 05-016 – Amending the Zoning Ordinance for Rezoning of Property at 383 Moore’s Circle from R-2 to C-1.

A Public Hearing was held prior to the November 17, 2005 City Commission meeting. One Person spoke in favor and no one spoke against. Commissioner Sleighter made a motion to approve on second reading. Commissioner Wells seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Craig stated that Mr. Dooley, owner of the property had concerns with the zoning should the project not go through. The board stated that the property would be non-conforming use and could still be used as rental property with the zone change. Mr. Craig presented the board with an Option Agreement that was signed by Mr. Baker and Mr. Dooley.

8. New Business:

A. Presentation by Kim Stringfield, Child Advocacy Center, 23rd Judicial District.

Kim Stringfield with the Child Advocacy Center, 23rd Judicial District spoke to the board and public regarding the issues being faced with her agency. She asked for the support of the public and town.

B. Secondary Meter Refunds.

Commissioner Sleighter made a motion to approve the secondary meter refunds. Commissioner Wells seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

C. Approval of Paving of Parking Area Leased Lot Downtown.

Mrs. Cooper stated to the board that she and Mr. Howe had been working with CSX about paving the lot next to city hall to use for parking. The CSX representative felt this would be no problem and signed a consent. Mrs. Cooper informed the board that the town’s lease did have a 30-day out clause.

Commissioner Sleighter made a motion to approve the paving of the CSX parking lot based on removing the exit on the west end of the lot and to add the work to the existing paving contract. Commissioner Wells seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Craig stated that the proper signage needed to be in place and he did have concerns with eighteen- wheelers. Mayor Crouch asked Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Howe to take these into consideration by the December meeting.

D. City Birthday – Approval to Proceed.

Mrs. Cooper stated that the town would be celebrating its 40th birthday on December 15th. She asked the board to approve funding. Commissioner Wells made a motion to approve the plans and funding. Commissioner Sleighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Planning Commission Update:

Mrs. Cooper updated the board on action that was taken in the November 10, 2005 Planning Commission meeting.

10. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned, on a motion by Commissioner Wells and seconded by Commissioner Sleighter the motion carried and Mayor Crouch adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Ray Crouch, Sr., Mayor

Debbie K Finch, Recorder